



# S. N. Br. Mícheál Ó Cléirigh

## Creevy N.S.



# September 2017

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## Class Allocations 2017/2018

- Junior Infants - Ms. McCauley
- Senior Infants - Ms. Cahillane
- 1st - Ms. Conneely
- 2nd - Mr. Timoney
- 3rd - Ms. Gibson
- 4th/5th - Ms. Magee
- 5th - Ms. Woods
- 6th - Mr. Boyle
- Support Teachers - Ms. Thomas, Ms. McNeill, Ms. McGloin, Ms. Summerville.
- 6 SNA's - Pauline Faherty, Edel Rodger, Teresa Patterson, Anna Gallagher, Anita Gillespie & Mary Carty.

## PE Days

The following PE days have been allocated provisionally. They may be subject to change which will be advised in the homework journal.

Junior Infants - Tuesday & Thursday

Senior Infants - Tuesday

1st - Thursday

2nd - Wednesday

3rd - Friday

4th/5th - Thursday

5th - Wednesday

6th - Thursday

On PE days the pupils wear a plain navy tracksuit top and bottoms, a white polo shirt and suitable runners.

## Fáilte ar ais gach duine

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer break for everyone. On Thursday, August 31st we were delighted to welcome all our pupils, especially the thirty-one new Junior Infants. There was great excitement as the new pupils and parents found their seats and settled in their classroom. The children quickly got into the swing of things and have settled very well into their routines over the last few weeks. There are now 214 pupils on roll, which is enough to secure the eighth classroom teacher again next year.

We also welcome Marie Gallagher who is facilitating the after school supervision for infant pupils who travel on the bus. Marie is well known to many of the pupils in the school as she often subs as an SNA with us.

Over the summer months we expanded our book rental scheme to include the new Irish scheme Abair Liom. This scheme includes an Irish book but also lots of online activities. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh na páistí a lán sult as na leabhair nua agus na hachmhainní breise.

With the help of the funds raised by the Parents' Association last year, we have decorated a sensory room in the school. It is a quiet area for children to go to have a little break, when necessary. We also purchased a new levelled reading programme for the Junior Classes. The PM+ series is research-based

reading programme whereby the children will be reading a new book every day or two and will work their way systematically through the levels. The mixture of fiction and non-fiction books offer great opportunity for the development of the essential reading skills of word identification, comprehension and fluency in an enjoyable manner. Guided reading using these books will begin in 1st class shortly.

A few dates for the diary:

**Fri, Oct 6th**- School closed, staff training for the new Primary Language Curriculum.

**Sun, May 6th**- Confirmation

**Sat, May 19th**- First Holy Communion.

**Oct 30th - Nov 3rd** - Midterm break.

The annual parent-teacher meetings will take place on the third week of November. But of course, if you have any concern you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher between now and then please get in touch.

Some more information on upcoming events and general notices are outlined overleaf. On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to wish all pupils and families a positive and fun-filled year of learning opportunities.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
Aobheann Kelly

## **Sporting Activities:**

- \* Thirty children from 2nd-6th took part in the recent South Donegal Cross Country event. Well done to all the children. Many children won individual medals and team medals. Some photos and more information on the Sports page of the school website.
- \* Swimming - 4th, 5th and 6th classes will start eight weeks of swimming lessons from Oct 11th. We will be looking for some volunteers to help with supervision at the pool. If you have some availability we would appreciate your assistance, please give Mary a call in the office. Volunteers will be Garda Vetted.

**After school Music** - Niamh Currid's after school music classes recommenced on Monday Sept 18th. The Infant class is 2.10 - 2.50 pm and older pupils 3.10-4.00pm. Anyone who wishes to join can still do so.

**After School Tai-Chi** - Róisín Cassidy of Chen Ireland recommenced the after school Tai Chi club on Wednesday, Sept 20th in the school hall from 3.15-4.15 for pupils from 3rd-6th.

**Student Council:** Nominations and elections for our student council will begin this week for pupils from 3rd-6th class.

## **Health and Safety:**

- \* Road safety is an ongoing area of concern for the whole school community. The board have requested that Donegal Co. Council. improve signage, road markings and speed calming measures in the vicinity of the school. Some work in relation to signage and road markings was due to be carried out over the summer months. We have been promised that it will be carried out in the next three weeks. The children's safety is of paramount importance to us all and we ask parents to exercise extreme caution as they approach the school.
- \* We ask drivers to leave a small gap between your car and the wall when you park in front of the school to allow children and parents to walk safely down along the wall to the school entrance.
- \* We ask children not to cross the road alone and we ask parents to walk their children to and from the school entrance.
- \* The school buses pick up, turn and drop off in the school car park, therefore we ask parents not to park or turn in the carpark. Children should not have any reason to cross the carpark. When bus drivers pull off they are not in a position to see small children in their line of vision.
- \* A group of parents are trying to organise a private bus run to alleviate some of the traffic outside the school in the morning and evening. Hopefully this will be organised in the coming weeks and the children will be able to enter and exit alongside the other bus children. I have also been in touch with the Green Schools Sustainable Transport officer to see if there is anything further we can do to help alleviate traffic and improve road safety.

**Leave no Trace Workshops:** The Marine Institute have kindly offered the school workshops for children from 3rd-6th on protecting the local marine environment. David Horkan will be visiting the classrooms on Sept 26th & 27th.

**Carnival Fairy Workshops** - Thank you to Maura Logue and Maria Loughlin for facilitating drama workshops in 5th & 6th class last week. The children enjoyed exploring William Allingham's poem The Fairies through drama. All 5th and 6th class pupils are invited to participate in carnival workshops on Saturday 23rd and 30th @ 12.30-1.30pm in the Rock Hall.

**Parents' Association:** All parents are automatically members of the Parents' Association in the school so please come along to a meeting when you can. We will text parents the date of the next meeting. The Parents' Association help build an effective link between home and school and I look forward to working closely with the PA over the course of the year.

**Allergy awareness:** There are a number of children with severe nut allergies in the school. We ask parents not to send foods with nuts in the lunch boxes. Pupils are encouraged to eat nutritious food and their lunches should be as healthy as possible.

**Clan Lir** - 4th/5th class pupils will be attending a production of Clan Lir in the Abbey Arts Centre on Oct 4th.